



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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# SYNOPSIS

### GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, May 7, 2008  
5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall  
Room W-120  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113**

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR

MARY ANN RUIZ, VICE CHAIR

MIKE FLAUGHER

LESLEE HAMILTON

G.M. HARDING

JAMES KIM

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

ERIK KARSTAN SMITH

### **1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Chair Richardson, Commissioners Flaughner, Matsushima,  
Kim and Hamilton

Late: Vice-Chair Ruiz

Excused Absence: None

Absent: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harding

### **2 ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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Due to lack of a Quorum at the start of the meeting, Informational Item 11.2 was heard first. Action Item 8.1 was heard second after a Quorum was reached.  
Ceremonial Item 3.1 was heard third.

### **3 CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

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#### **3.1 Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Helen Chapman**

Chair Richardson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Helen Chapman for five and a half years of outstanding hard work and dedicated service to the residents of San Jose as a Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison to the Coyote Valley Task Force.

#### **4 ORAL COMMUNICATION**

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#### **5 CONSENT CALENDAR**

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5.1 Approval of April 2, 2008 Synopsis

5.2 Update on Greenprint Status

5.3 Approval of a Letter of Support Regarding Willow Glen Spur (Three Rivers) Trail Formation of a Focus Group

5.4 Review of Planning Applications

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Kim, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved.**

#### **6 COUNCIL AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

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6.1 Council Liaison

Kathy Sutherland, Policy Advisor for Council District 10 stated that the Sportsfield Complex kick-off will be held at Leland High School on Saturday, May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. She encouraged all to attend.

Ms. Sutherland also noted that the Almaden Lake Park Phase II opening was on May 17, 2008 and she noted that the Kaboom Build-out was a success.

6.2 Senior Citizens Commission

None

6.3 Youth Commission

None

#### **7 PUBLIC HEARING**

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#### **8 ACTION ITEMS**

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8.1 Acceptance of the Oral Report on Golf Course Operational Study Including: Sports Authority Update: First Tee of San Jose

Jim McBride, Acting Deputy Director gave an overview and introduced Gene Krekorian, Senior Vice-President, Economics Research Associates who gave the presentation. The presentation included a review of the City's three golf courses: San Jose Municipal, Los Lagos and Rancho del Pueblo. Mr. Krekorian also presented an overview of the market, financial options and golf course conversion options.

Commissioner Kim asked how customer satisfaction is measured.

Mr. Krekorian replied that the golf courses use the National Golf Foundation's survey to measure customer satisfaction.

Commissioner Kim asked if having reduced resident rates was a possibility.

Mr. Krekorian replied that the current rates are at market value and that applying discounts would result in a loss of revenue.

Commissioner Matsushima asked when the current lease expires and if a fee increase would be applied at that time.

Mr. Krekorian replied that the current lease expires in 2012 with two options to renew. These options would expire in 2017 and 2022. The agreement does not include an increase in fees.

Mr. McBride added the lessee would have the option to renegotiate fees.

The Commission discussed the revenues (greens fees) and the ramification of not servicing the debt.

Mr. McBride introduced Patricia Ernstrom from San Jose Sports Authority, J. Ernesto Moreno, Board member and Molly Redfearn, Program Director for First Tee of San Jose. They gave a presentation of the First Tee Program. The program operates at Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course in partnership with CourseCo Management. The program has been very successful and has received national recognition. Over 1,400 kids have participated on the course and an additional 4,000 kids have been exposed to the program through outreach at public schools. One of the highlights of the program is its emphasis on core values and life skills.

The following speakers (residents and their children who have participated in the First Tee Program), spoke in support of keeping the First Tee Program at Rancho del Pueblo:

- Mark Medalie
- Larry Anstine
- Cassie Ribeiro
- Pat Toby
- Robby Sisco

- Chelsea So
- Susie Castaneda
- Caryn Anstine
- Rudy Castaneda
- Denise Walker
- Nancy Zerner
- Kavya Chandra
- Shelly Wolfe
- James Jimenez
- Hugh Zhang
- Angela and Susana Anaya
- Patrick Rankin

Denelle Fedor, Director of Public Policy, Council District 6 also spoke. She stated that voters never had the chance to vote on Los Lagos. She asked how much the consultant cost and what the purpose of the study was.

Jim McBride, Acting Deputy Director stated the next step is to present the full report to the City Manager's Office. Then it will be presented to the Structural Budget Deficit Stakeholders Group before it goes to City Council.

Albert Balagso, Director committed this issue would be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Commission before any action is taken by City Council so that the Commissioners will have an opportunity to develop a recommendation. He noted that Los Lagos Golf Course is park land but Rancho del Pueblo is not.

**It was moved by Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Kim, and voted unanimously to accept the oral report and presentations with the instruction that the Commission be given the opportunity to provide input before presenting the report to City Council**

## 8.2 Approval of Coyote Creek Trail Master Plan – Highway 101 to Story Road

Yves Zsutty, Program Manager – Trail Network, gave an overview of the Master Plan.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima, and voted unanimously to approve the Master Plan.**

## 8.3 Approval of Los Gatos Creek Trail Master Plan – Auzerai Avenue to San Carlos Street

Yves Zsutty, Program Manager – Trail Network, gave an overview of the Master Plan.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima, and voted unanimously to approve the Master Plan.**

## **9 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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Director Balagso reported that the Construction and Conveyance tax issue was discussed last week at the Structural Budget Deficit Stakeholder's Group. The 3-year Charter Limitation issue went to Rules today (May 7) and was approved as a possible ballot measure.

Director Balagso also reported that the new skate park was voted best in the nation by the skaters who attended the opening event.

## **10 LIAISON REPORTS**

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### **10.1 General Plan Task Force Report**

Commissioner Hamilton stated that the task force is moving forward.

### **10.2 Sunshine Reform Task Force**

Vice-Chair Ruiz stated that the next task force meeting would be in June.

### **10.3 North San Jose Task Force**

Commissioner Flaughner stated that Council accepted the report and that staff is now looking at implementing the plan.

### **10.4 Community Sports Fields Ad-hoc Study Committee**

No report.

### **10.5 Greenprint Ad-hoc Subcommittee**

No report.

### **10.6 Martial-Cottle Project Ad-hoc Committee**

No report.

## **11 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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### **11.1 Willow Senior Center Site for Fire Station 37**

Tom Bohn, Deputy Director, Fire Department presented this item on the potential use of parkland for Fire Station 37. He stated that the designs are in the final stages and construction will begin at the end of the year. In June, Council will move forward to place the item on the November ballot for voter approval.

Commissioner Flaughner asked what the community's feelings were on this.

Mr. Bohn replied the primary concern is access to the senior center. Staff is looking at ways to reconfigure the parking and is trying to maintain the ADA spaces. Traffic and noise are also concerns but the benefit to the community should outweigh this.

Mr. Bohn added that Fire Station 19, currently in northeast San Jose, will be relocated to Piedmont and Sierra Road. When Fire Department staff first began discussions with PRNS staff on Fire Station 37, PRNS expressed interest in using the current Fire Station

19 building as a maintenance facility for that part of town. The Fire Chief and the Director of PRNS signed a memorandum of agreement that would allow PRNS to take ownership of the current Fire Station 19 in exchange for the Willow Senior Center Site for Fire Station 37.

Albert Balagso, Director expressed his support of this plan.

Denelle Fedor, Director of Public Policy, Council District 6 expressed concern because the strategic plan did not include Fire Station 6. She also expressed concern about traffic on Lincoln Avenue and stated that Councilmember Oliverio will be asking that the sale of Fire Station 6 be taken out of the budget.

11.2 Update on Guadalupe Park and Gardens/Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Efficient Demonstration Garden (Oral Presentation)

Mike Will, Acting Parks Manager presented background information and introduced Jerry De La Piedra and Melissa Erickson from DCE Consultants who presented a map which showed the elements of the garden. They stated that the designs and specifications were being reviewed now and that construction was expected to begin in the early fall. It is estimated that the project will take four to six months to complete.

11.3 Commissioner News Items

Commissioner's Hamilton and Matsushima reported they will be absent from the Parks and Recreation Commission General meeting on June 4, 2008.

Commissioner Flaughner attended the Planning Commission meeting in order to provide input on the "Extraordinary Benefit" issue. He observed that Planning staff did not have the details of this issue worked out yet and feels that the Parks and Recreation Commission letter was inappropriate. He asked PRNS staff to look into this further.

Chair Richardson noted that she would be speaking at the Sportsfield Complex kick-off at Leland High School on May 10.

11.4 Future Agenda Items  
None

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**12 CORRESPONDENCE**

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**13 ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next general Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2008.